



Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks

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Decision Notice Noxon Rod & Gun Club Shooting Range Grant

The Noxon Rod & Gun Club Inc. in Noxon, Montana has been working toward upgrading and improving their club house and indoor range, by painting and adding indoor lighting to the facility. The club house and the indoor range are the same building and are used for meetings, training, and administration, in addition to rifle, pistol, muzzle loader and archery shooting. The organization has applied for a grant under the Montana Shooting Range Development Program with a cost of the improvements at \$3,737.00 with a request to FWP for \$1,868.50. All Shooting Range Development grants require matching funds.

A review of the grant proposal has been completed. The improvements to the club house and indoor range will be inside the footprint of the existing building. Therefore the Noxon Rod & Gun Club is exempt from an Environmental Assessment under MEPA (Montana Environmental Policy Act), IAW the MEPA Model Rules implemented under Title 75, chapter 1, MCA, and the Montana Environmental Policy Act (MEPA) para. III...

(5) The agency is not required to prepare an EA or an EIS for the following categories of action:...
(c) minor repairs, operations, or maintenance of existing equipment or facilities;

This project uses no federal funds nor does it take place on state owned or controlled property: therefore, the Federal 106 Regulations and the State Antiquities' Act do not apply.

As a result of the review, funding for this proposed project is approved, pending the Noxon Rod & Gun Club's completion of other administrative requirements under the Shooting Range Development Program. For any question or comments concerning this grant contact FWP, PO Box 200701, Helena, MT 59620, or e-mail kcunningham@mt.gov